

which he led to the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

Major Alban is the epitome of a soldier-scholar. He holds a master of laws in national security law from Georgetown University Law Center, a juris doctor from St. Louis University School of Law, a master of professional studies in legislative affairs from George Washington University, and a bachelor of arts in political science from Webster University.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, we thank MAJ Ryan Alban, his wife, and their son for their continued commitment, sacrifice, and contributions to this great Nation. We join our colleagues in wishing him future successes as he continues to serve our great Army and Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING NAPIER BROTHERS CLOTHING STORE

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Napier Brothers Clothing of Lancaster, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Mr. Lonnie Napier is a lifelong resident of Garrard County, KY, and he remembers when the county did not look quite like it does today. Mr. Napier grew up in a rural part of Garrard County, and as a boy, he did not know the comforts of running water, telephones, electricity, and in-door plumbing. However, as Mr. Napier grew older, he continued to leave his mark on the community. In 1966, at the age of 26 years old, Mr. Napier was elected to the Garrard County Fiscal Court, the youngest man to ever be elected to such group. From that day forward, Mr. Napier would continue his involvement with local government, even as he began his career in the clothing business.

Lonnie Napier opened Napier Brothers Clothing back in 1990, and he has been working at the same location in Lancaster square ever since, making it the oldest small business on the town square. As one might gather from the store's name, Lonnie's business is a family business, having named the store after his two sons, both of which worked in the store during their youth. Today, the store sells all sorts of clothing, ranging from casual wear to clothes suited for working outside, and shoes, ranging from men's and ladies' footwear to work boots suitable for outdoor conditions. According to Lonnie Napier, the most popular item that his store sells is blue jeans, which is no wonder considering the wide selection of blue jeans Mr. Napier keeps stocked in his collection of shelves along the store's wall. Mr. Napier ensures that

all products in his store are top quality and that the customer service of Napier Brothers Clothing far exceeds that of his corporate competitors.

Given Garrard County's location within central Kentucky, agriculture enjoys a large influence on their surrounding communities. Large businesses such as Tractor Supply directly compete with Mr. Napier's customer base, but corporations simply cannot match the sense of familiarity and geniality that a customer feels when walking into Napier Brothers Clothing. Mr. Napier has a knack for taking care of his customers, always answering their questions and hearing whatever concerns they may have. His amiability as a business owner is one of the many traits that led him to find success in local governance. A highlight of Mr. Napier's political career occurred back in 1984 when he was running for a seat in the Kentucky House of Representatives. Initially thinking it was a prank, Mr. Napier finally paid a phone call to a telephone number his friends kept insisting he dial. That phone call led to Lonnie Napier receiving an in-person campaign endorsement from then President Ronald Reagan. In addition to having met former President Reagan, Mr. Napier also had the pleasure of meeting former Presidents George Bush, Sr., and Bill Clinton.

Though he occasionally rubbed shoulders with politicians in the big leagues, Mr. Napier never lost sight of his mission to run the best small business in Lancaster. From a country-born boy who grew up having to walk 5 miles to school each day, to a successful Main Street entrepreneur who has consistently looked out for the citizens of Lancaster, Mr. Napier has enjoyed a long and fruitful career in his corner of Kentucky. Congratulations to Lonnie Napier and to the whole team at Napier Brothers Clothing. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 8404. An act to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Ms. BALDWIN).

At 3:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1617. An act to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5730. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Sling Carriers" (Docket No. CPSC-2014-0018) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5731. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Magnets" (RIN3041-AD82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5732. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Call Authentication Trust Anchor" (FCC 22-76) (WC Docket No. 12-375) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5733. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Glazing Standards; Codifying Existing Waivers and Adding Test Flexibility" (RIN2130-AC76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5734. A communication from the Attorney for Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Frame Child Carriers" (Docket No. CPSC-2014-0011) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5735. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4028" (RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31450) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5736. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard